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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Re: Application of Takayuki ISHII and Yoshitaka SHIMADA
FIXED MATERIAL TRANSPORTATION APPARATUS, LIQUID FIXING
APPARATUS HAVING TRANSPORTATION APPARATUS AND SUCKING
UNIT OF FIXED MATERIAL IN LIQUID FIXING APPARATUS
Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q80462

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation-in-Part Application of pending prior Application No. 10/272,305 (Confirmation No. 8020) filed October 17, 2002 of Takayuki ISHII and Yoshitaka SHIMADA entitled FIXED MATERIAL TRANSPORTATION APPARATUS, LIQUID FIXING APPARATUS HAVING TRANSPORTATION APPARATUS AND SUCKING UNIT OF FIXED MATERIAL IN LIQUID FIXING APPARATUS.

Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application comprising the specification, including the claims and abstract, eighteen (18) sheets of drawings, Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form.

The a copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and priority documents will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>53</u>	-	20	=	<u>33</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$594.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>6</u>	-	3	=	<u>3</u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$258.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$770.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									<u>\$290.00</u>
TOTAL FEE									<u>\$1912.00</u>

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the amount of \$1912.00, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2001-319516	October 17, 2001
Japan	2001-319518	October 17, 2001
Japan	2002-093829	March 29, 2002
Japan	2002-093841	March 29, 2002
Japan	2003-067459	March 13, 2003

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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